

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALAMEDA REUSE AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Wednesday, January 6, 2010

The meeting convened at 12:54 p.m. with Chair Johnson presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Beverly Johnson
Boardmember Lena Tam
Boardmember Frank Matarrese
Boardmember Marie Gilmore
Vice Chair Doug deHaan

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2009.

The Consent Calendar was motioned for approval by Member Tam, seconded by Member Matarrese and passed by the following voice votes: Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstentions: 0

3. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. ORAL REPORTS

4-A. Oral report from Member Matarrese, Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) representative - Highlights of December 3 Alameda Point RAB Meeting.

Member Matarrese discussed the highlights of the December 7 RAB meeting, including that he received a preliminary report from Derek Robinson of the Navy stating that the large object in the Sea Plane Lagoon is a concrete block with pier material, not hazardous waste. Member Matarrese requested that the ARRA write a letter to the Navy to remove the concrete block. Member deHaan asked if radiation was found on that piece. Member Matarrese replied that it is unknown and a primary reason why it should be removed. Member Matarrese also discussed that the Navy wants to leave the radium contaminated sewer line in place under building 400, stating that removing it would cause the structure to be unsound. Member Matarrese, along with RAB members insist that the sewer line has to be removed. Another important point discussed was that the University of Florida and Purdue University received a large DOD grant to conduct remediation development studies; this grant represents several hundreds of thousands of dollars and put Alameda Point remediation on the map.

Chair Johnson agreed that the ARRA send a letter to the Navy regarding the two key items: concrete block removal, and contaminated sewer line removal.

Vice Chair deHaan discussed looking at the option of filling the area in order to bring back the shoreline. Chair Johnson and Member Matarrese agreed, stating that if the Seaplane Lagoon is eventually going to be a Marina, and boating activities will be taking place there, it needs to be cleared out.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

There were no speakers.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Member Matarrese discussed the visit to El Toro and Hamilton bases, particularly that the City of Irvine established a local development corporation to develop the Great Park. Member Matarrese would like to put an item on a future ARRA agenda to evaluate that particular option to see if it has utility for the ARRA or successor to the ARRA. He stated that Hamilton is farther along than most other bases – there are lots of houses; 10 hangars in use, eight of which have been rehabbed for public and private, with two hangars remaining in the Coast Guard. Member Matarrese recommends looking for potential military use for the hangars at Alameda Point. He stated that the most important and striking feature of Hamilton was that they were taking the runways and returning them to wetlands. Member Matarrese discussed that a wetlands option for the west end of Alameda Point might be a superior option to bolster the shoreline with an engineering solution. The wetlands are a carbon sink, and there may be future carbon credits; it filters runoff, provide better habitat for the environment and is a superior buffer to storm or wave action because it doesn't require maintenance.

Vice Chair deHaan discussed that some of the dredging from the Port of Oakland was used for establishing that wetlands. Member Matarrese added that levies were built as well. Vice Chair deHaan stated that getting 'tipping fees' is extremely important to jumpstart this type of operation.

Chair Johnson liked the idea of wetland restoration. Member Matarrese reiterated that the ARRA remain insistent that the Navy scoop and remove Sites 1 and 2.

Member Matarrese stated that there was concern expressed by two members of the RAB (one representative from the EPA and one from the Audubon Society) of rumors that the Bay Trail was in jeopardy, either from the Wildlife or the VA. Member Matarrese would like to find the source to the rumor to see if it has any merit.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 a.m. by Chair Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Irma Glidden
ARRA Secretary